

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Appln. No. 09/780,485

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A foamed rubber which has an average cell diameter of 1-150 μm , which cell is formed by a blowing agent having a decomposition temperature of 170° or above, a hardness as determined according to JIS-K-6301 of 30-100 and a density of 0.7-1.1 kg/l.
2. (original): The foamed rubber according to claim 1, wherein the foamed rubber comprises a foamed ethylene- α -olefin-non-conjugated diene copolymer rubber.
3. (withdrawn): A process for producing a foamed rubber which comprises the steps of:
 - (1) blending 100 parts by weight of a rubber and 4-15 parts by weight of a blowing agent having a decomposition temperature of 170°C or above, to obtain a composition,
 - (2) continuously molding the composition obtained in step (1) with a continuous molding apparatus, to obtain a molded body, and
 - (3) continuously heating the molded body obtained in step (2) to effect vulcanization and foaming, thereby to obtain a foamed rubber which has an average cell diameter of 1-150 μm , a hardness as determined according to JIS-K-6301 of 30-100 and a density of 0.7-1.1 kg/l.

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